

U.S. AGENTS AFTER MEN WHO STOCKED NORWEGIAN BOATS

Government to Hunt Out and Punish Men Who Violated Neutrality by Furnishing Supplies to Cruisers.

Violators of President Wilson's neutrality proclamation or persons who were responsible for the placing on board the Norwegian steamships Fram and Somerstrand, at this port, coal and ship supplies destined for German warships are to be prosecuted.

Special agents of the Government are now investigating the cases in order to fix the responsibility, and a special commission is to be appointed either by the President or upon a Congressional resolution to conduct a rigid inquiry into the affair, to mete out proper punishment.

Shipping men here vigorously denounced those whose names have not been divulged for having any part in the transaction. They declared that a matter of this kind was likely to involve the United States in another Albatross case.

The general cargoes of the Fram and the Somerstrand had been discharged upon the Municipal Pier at 10 o'clock, and they are now awaiting discharges. The bunker coal, nearly 6000 tons of it, which the German cruisers Karlsruhe and Dresden had on board, was being discharged in West India wharf, and the rest of the cargo was being discharged in the middle of the pier.

The Somerstrand had been rechartered to carry cotton and oil cake from Galveston to Scandinavian ports and will leave here tonight, in ballast, for the former port. Captain Axelsen, her master, is much relieved that the other cargo, which threatened to get him in serious trouble, was being unloaded from the pier. He said he did not regret losing the large bonus offered him for its delivery.

U. S. AGENTS LOOK UP RAISE IN FOOD PRICES

Special Inquiry in This Section Being Made by Inspector Williamson.

Special investigations into the recent jump in food prices in the section of Philadelphia, Camden and near-by towns which secure their supplies from the Philadelphia market, are now being made by agents of the Department of Justice, under Rush Williamson, special agent of the department, who came to this city several weeks ago from Washington.

Williamson was sent here immediately following the price increase of foodstuffs in the following markets, as far as the European war, to work in connection with the nation-wide food investigation ordered by the President. The work for Philadelphia district is being conducted by Assistant District Attorney John H. Hall and Edward S. Kremp.

Special attention is being paid to the Camden, N. J., foodstuffs market, bought in the Philadelphia markets. While no report on the work as far as it has progressed is ready, it is understood that an effort has been made by Special Agent Williamson to determine if fixing of food prices in Philadelphia, Camden and other nearby cities, results from any agreement among dealers in this city.

Several Philadelphia commission houses, suspected of being leaders in this "hot" market, are being investigated. An inkling of the investigations going on, and as a result prices have dropped. No one connected with the special investigation says anything, but it is believed they are likely to be sought by the Government as the result of the investigation, but it is believed that Williamson, who visited Washington several days ago, will ascertain Philadelphia firms who were in on the grab, but who have since sought clear of any connection with the ring.

Director Porter is directing special attention to Camden prices on foodstuffs because the recent big jump in prices, believes that this field offers advantages for such an investigation in that it will be a comparatively simple matter to trace directly ascertainable as interstate commerce.

Several officials in the Federal Building this morning said that the investigation has been going on as secretly as possible for some time, it was far from finished, and things have already cropped up that are sufficient to continue the inquiry.

CARMELITE NUNS AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONVENT

Building First of Group on Tract at Oak Lane.

The cloistered Order of Carmelite Nuns today awarded the contract for the erection of its new convent building on Old York road, Oak Lane, to Meloy & Conz. The building will be followed later by the erection of a group of similar buildings on the four-and-a-half-acre tract owned by the sisters.

Ground will soon be broken for the convent, which will be two and a half stories high; frontage, 41 feet; depth, 140 feet, and a wing 100 feet long. It will be thoroughly modern in architecture and equipment. On the first floor will be the chapel, cloister, inner sacristy and community rooms, together with the screened sanctuary in which the nuns attend religious services. The kitchen and dining room will be in the basement and the quarters of the nuns on the second floor. Marinette & Walsh, of Boston, are the architects.

The Carmelite Order is entirely contemplative, and members of the body have no outside communication with the outside world, even visitors must talk to them with a screen intervening. They have been located in Philadelphia about 16 years, first establishing themselves at Seventeenth and Poplar streets, later removing to West Philadelphia, and finally through rapid growth in membership to their present commodious quarters in Oak Lane.

BIG WAGON CRUSHES MAN

Victim Caught Between Wheels and Railway Station Walls.

William Krush, 332 Delhi street, had his shin and leg broken and received injuries today when a wagon crushed him against a platform of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway freight station at New Market and Calowhill streets. He is in the Roosevelt Hospital.

Howard McMeese, of Fish House, N. J., driver of the wagon, which was backing up the time Krush was injured, was arrested before the station and held in \$500 bail for a further hearing.

Witnesses say the accident was avoidable.

MAN WITH SHEARS CLIPS BRAID OF SCHOOL GIRL

Feels Tug at Hair and Turns as Man Flees.

Terrorized girls and women who have been made victims of a man who clips their hair, are again fearful of an attack from the vandal who has now made his appearance in Germantown.

The latest victim of his shears is Gertrude Wonder, a 15-year-old school girl, who resides at 3211 Germantown avenue. She approached him Monday evening by a tall, slender stranger, on Germantown avenue, near Herman street, who clipped a 6-inch braid from her hair before she was aware of it.

The girl was on the way to visit friends. She felt a tug at her hair, and, turning, heard the shears driven to the sidewalk as the man who wielded them ran up the street. Her braid was lying near the shears.

Mrs. Wonder became hysterical and ran home. When her father accompanied her to the scene of the attack neither hair nor shears were to be seen. Special policemen from the Germantown station are investigating the case. They have a full description of the offender, and it is thought his arrest will follow soon. The police believe him to be the same man who terrorized persons in various parts of the city some time ago.

MRS. RACHEL ROGERS WILLS ESTATE TO HER CHILDREN

Only Two Small Bequests Reserved From Fortune Valued Near \$100,000.

Rachel Wister Rogers, who died at Navahoe and Springfield streets, Chestnut Hill, September 14, bequeathed the bulk of her estate, valued at less than \$100,000, in equal shares to a daughter, Mabel R. Baird, and a son, Harry D. Rogers.

The only other bequests in the will, which was admitted to probate today, are \$100 to the Germantown Dispensary and \$100 to a friend, Edgar W. Baird is executor of the estate.

The Children's Hospital, 231 and Walnut streets, will receive \$2000 from the \$2000 estate of Lucy Jones, 3640 South Eighth street, according to the terms of the will, admitted to probate today. The residue of the estate is distributed in private bequests.

Other wills probated are: Hannah J. Fridenberg, 1612 Franklin street, whose estate amounts to \$38,500; Samuel Baerwick, 4157 Chestnut street, whose estate amounts to \$2500; Personal property of Alfred H. Love, which had been appraised at \$3850.50.

SAFETY CARNIVAL OPEN UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT

Corporations Supply Fund to Keep Convention Going Several Days More.

The carnival and convention of safety in Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, will remain open until Saturday night. This was announced through the liberality of a number of leading corporations, which subscribed to a fund of \$7000 to prosecute the educational work in connection with the parents may receive the benefit of safety instructions.

The companies who subscribed to the fund are the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, Bell Telephone Company, United Gas Improvement Company, Girard Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Equitable Life Assurance Society, the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, Patheoscope Company, Finley & Co. Company, Crane's Ice Cream Company and George W. Jacobs & Co.

To make the carnival more attractive a change of program is promised each day. Colonel Roosevelt, who will arrive in Philadelphia tomorrow night, has been invited to make an address at the carnival. The managers express the belief he will be present.

A special arrangement has been made for students of the Central High School, Northeast Manual Training High School, Girls' Normal School and all the district high schools to appear in a demonstration for Thursday's program.

Director Porter will speak tonight on "The Magnitude and Importance of Philadelphia's Safety-Education Movement." Dr. John Price Jackson, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, will speak on the importance of safety in the home and in the factory. He has recently returned from the war zone and he will describe his experiences.

Dr. Frank Patterson has volunteered to give a talk accompanied by lantern slides on "Safety in Our Industries."

BIG OYSTER OUTPUT LOWERS LIVING COSTS

Prospects Favor Record-Breaking Season, Say the Dealers.

The oyster output for the season is to be a record, according to Philadelphia wholesale dealers, which will not be affected by war prices, which will not be affected by war prices, which will not be affected by war prices.

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MISSIONARY BODY MEETS

Methodist Society Holds Its Quarterly Sessions Today.

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of Philadelphia opened today at Christ Methodist Episcopal Church 36th and Hamilton streets, and will continue until tonight. A luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock. Following are the speakers and their subjects: Miss Winette Stack, "Deaconess Work"; Mrs. Charles N. Bickley, "General Work"; Mrs. C. M. Galton, "Philadelphia Conference Work"; Miss Helen Bohard, "Young People's Work."

The minutes of the meeting were read and the minutes of the meeting of the society and the banquet will be held November 12 and 13 at the Church of the Advocate in Germantown.

SMALL FIRE SOON PUT OUT

A small fire in the home of Louis J. Karcher, at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Lombard streets, early this morning was extinguished by Karcher and other occupants of the house after they had first fled to the street in their night clothing. The blaze was confined to the kitchen and is believed to have been started by a candle which was overturned or burned down. The loss is about \$25.

THE BLASTS OF "SCHOFAR" PROCLAIM END OF FAST



The conclusion of the Day of Atonement will be announced at sundown today by the blowing of "schofar" from the altar. This will be the last rite performed in the long series of prayers which mark the observance of the holiest day in the Hebrew year.

BURNING CANDLE SETS JEWISH HOME AFIRE

Five Children Rescued From the Blaze by the Frantic Father.

Five children were rescued from their burning home, 227 Montrose street, early this morning, when a fire was started by a candle burning in observance of the Jewish fast days. The father received a deep gash in his wrist smashing a window, and other injuries when he jumped from the second floor window.

The blaze was in the home of Jacob Fineberg. He and his wife and five children occupy the second floor. The third floor was occupied by his son-in-law, Israel Greenberg, and the latter's wife, Morris Kaplan, 216 Montrose street, discovered the fire on the first floor.

Finberg roused the inmates of the house by pounding on the door. Fineberg tried to escape by the stairway, but finding his way blocked by smoke and flame he returned to the second-story window and smashed the window with his fist. The glass cut into his wrist, severing an artery.

Morris Gevener, 226 Montrose street, came along just as Fineberg was about to drop his children from the window. Climbing a rain spout to the coping of the adjoining house, Gevener took the children from Fineberg.

By this time the smoke coming from the first floor was so dense that Fineberg, his wife and the two remaining children were driven from the front window. The children and their mother were assisted to the roof of a shed in the rear by Fineberg, who then became excited and, running to the front second-story window, jumped out. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital in the automobile of Fire Chief Morphy.

Finberg found the entire first floor of the dwelling in flames when they arrived, but managed to prevent the spread of the fire to the upper floors. The candle, left on the table in the kitchen, had burned down and ignited the cloth.

COURT EXTENDS PERIOD OF AID TO MOTHERS

Fathers of Children Required to Pay for Support Until 14 Years Old.

Seeking to lessen the burdens of mothers of dependent children, the court today extended the period of support until the child reaches 14 years of age. The question of increased support for illegitimate children recently has received much attention from the Judges of the Municipal Court and the District Attorney's office.

The Judges have been confronted with cases in which a mother, being compelled to support the entire burden of a child's support after the first seven years, often fails in her efforts and the child is sometimes thrown upon public charity until it reaches working age.

In three cases Judge Bonnell ordered accused fathers to pay weekly sums for a period of 14 years for the children's support and in overruling the objections of counsel said:

"There is no law which limits the period of payment to seven years. The practice of making orders for that period apparently is based solely upon custom. My experience in dealing with this class as Solicitor for the Deserion Court convinced me that it was a deplorable custom, depriving the unfortunate woman of support for her child, at the very period when his needs are actually most onerous. The period of such an order entirely in the discretion of the court. It is my judgment that such support should be paid while the child is dependent."

"Under the broader wisdom of legislation, the law now compels this woman to send her child to school at the age of 7 and keep him there until 14. Such being the case it seems to me a necessary supplement to the school act that the father or his parents should supply the means for the mother to obey the law."

MAN UNDER CAR UNHURT

Negro Caught by Fender Escapes With Few Bruises.

Though his body was drenched with mud and rolled over by a street car at Fifteenth street and Girard avenue, Washington Boyer, a Negro, 847 Watts street, suffered no further injury than minor lacerations and bruises.

He was riding on a cart with Charles W. Jones, 1641 Seibert street. The two were driving east on Girard avenue last night when at Fifteenth street the cart broke. The sudden pull on the cart rolled Boyer from his seat, and he fell in front of a street car.

He was taken from behind the fender and sent to St. Joseph's Hospital. Physicians were amazed to find his injuries so slight, and Boyer was sent home.

Three Held on Robbery Charge

Three young men were held in \$500 bail each for counts today by Magistrate Boyle, at the 26th street and Lancaster avenue station, on the charge of robbing the cigar factory of James E. Phillips, 521 North 44th street. The prisoners are John Hippie, 457 Mantua avenue; Raymond Barker, 331 Holly street; and Edward Hayes, 413 Mantua avenue.

COLLECT \$400 FOR RED CROSS

Austin M. Purves, Jr. and his brother Dale, the two Chestnut Hill children who have been collecting funds for the American Red Cross Society, have secured over \$300 since beginning their campaign. They now declare that the \$1000 mark must be reached.

JEWES CELEBRATE DAY OF ATONEMENT THE WORLD OVER

Religious Holy Day Noted on European Battlefields as Well as in the Local Synagogues.

This is "Yom Kippur," the Day of Atonement, also "Yom Hadin," the Day of Judgment. Hebrews, scattered in their exile throughout the world, today lay aside all their work and devote themselves to fasting and prayer, facing their God and pleading for another year of life and happiness. Even on the blood-stained battlefields of Europe the 10,000,000 Jewish soldiers engaged in the various armies of the belligerent countries will lay aside their weapons, by special permission of their commanders, and beneath the open sky, before hastily constructed altars of wood and stone, will offer prayer.

The observance of Yom Kippur began last night with the singing and prayer of Kol Nidre in all synagogues. Upon their return to the places of worship this morning the worshippers will remain there during the entire day, leaving only for a brief respite at noon. In the Orthodox synagogues many of the worshippers will remove their shoes as an expression of the thought that on this holy day no man may enter God's house through a door.

Fasting is observed as an expression of self-denial and to aid the worshippers in fixing their thoughts upon things spiritual. The fast will be observed from sundown, after the prayer of Nchilah, followed by the blasts of the "schofar," while the altar, which will amount officially to the close of the day of atonement. The "schofar" or horn is blown accompanied by the prayers of the congregation. Soon after it resounds the spirit of supplication and meditation vanishes and is superseded by rejoicing and congratulations in the confidence that God will undoubtedly grant the prayers of his children.

There were no sermons preached in any of the Orthodox synagogues, this not being the custom there. At Keneseth Israel, Roth Shalom and Adath Jeshurun, reform sermons were preached by Rabbi Krauskopf, Rabbi Berkowitz, Rabbi Klein, respectively. At the Beth El Synagogue, Rabbi Samuel Friedman officiated. At the Beth Israel Synagogue, Rabbi Marvin Nathan preached, while at the Mikveh Israel Synagogue the service was conducted by Rabbi Levi H. Elmalah.

CLEAR WIFE; HUSBAND HELD

Man Seeking to Avoid Support Order Is Jailed Instead.

The report of a probation officer cleared Mrs. Mary Troxell, of Tacony, of charges made by her husband and was instructed to assume the care of her children until he pays arrearages on a support order issued against him in November, 1912.

Two weeks ago, Troxell, who was found a chauffer for ex-Senator Knott, denied the charges against him. The case was continued and after an investigation a probation officer advised Judge Brown that Troxell's allegations were not substantiated. Judge Brown then refused to reduce the order and committed Troxell until the arrearages are paid.

ENEMIES BLAMED FOR FIRE

Man Certain They Set Fire to His Stable.

Enemies, whom Joseph Ceimer declares want to ruin him, are thought to have set fire to his stable at 3653 Salmon street early today. The loss was more than \$600.

The blaze was discovered by Raymond Butt, 3667 Salmon street, who hastily donned some clothing and broke open the stable door in time to lead a horse to safety. Several wagons belonging to Ceimer were destroyed. The stable was a one-story frame structure.

According to Ceimer persons who wish to ruin his business set fire to the place. He is rather vague in his denunciation, declaring he does not know who did it, but he is positive his stable could not have burned unless some one set fire to it. He has not yet complained to the police.

NEW YORK TEACHERS HERE

Pay Visit to the University and Commercial Museum.

High school teachers in commercial and scientific branches from the New York City high schools visited the University of Pennsylvania and the Commercial Museum today and were the guests at luncheon of Provost Edgar F. Smith. The party is in charge of Alexander L. Pugh, principal of the New York City High School of Commerce.

A revival of interest in commercial education in New York City prompted the visit of the teachers to the local institutions. The teachers include representatives of the Brooklyn Commercial High School, the Washington Irving High School, the Manhattan High School, and the Bronx High School of Science, the Richmond High School and Newton High School, of Queens Borough.

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COURSE OF FALL LECTURES ARRANGED IN VIEW OF WAR

Part of Schedule for Commercial Museum Deals With Europe.

Some important contributions to literature on the present war are expected to be made in the series of fall lectures scheduled by the Commercial Museum, 34th street below Spruce. The series will be started with a description of "The Picturesque Hudson," by Ernest A. Reed, of New York, October 2.

Wilfred Schoff, secretary of the museum, will be the first to speak on the lands in the war zone. He will lecture on "From Antwerp to Paris," October 4. On December 12 he will speak on "European Boundaries in Modern History." Charles R. Toothaker will be the speaker December 5 on "Denmark in the New World."

The rest of the schedule names the following speakers: Colonel Edwin A. Havers, on "The Mediterranean in History and Romance," October 17; Mr. Toothaker, on "Trinidad and Its Asphalt Lake," October 19; Mrs. Frank Wilde of this city, "Cochin China and the Fall of Cambodia," October 31; Mr. Schoff, on "The Rhine Land," November 7; Mrs. Harry C. Ostrander, New York, on "Mesopotamia, the Cradle of the New World," November 14; W. L. Fisher, of the museum, "America's Gifts to the World," November 21; Rev. Henry R. Rose, of Newark, "With Longfellow in Evangelizing Land," November 28; and James W. Erwin, of San Francisco, "From the Golden Gate to Puget Sound," December 12.

FEW CANARIES COME NOW SINCE THE WAR STARTED

Shipments From Germany Cease and Prices Are Mounting.

Some things the Germans made before their trade was halted by the war. We do not find it difficult to manufacture here. But when we get the fatal word that has come from Germany, it makes the price of many things rise. One of these is the canary bird. From import to the U. S. A., it makes the price of the bird rise. The birds are now scarce in Philadelphia.

The European war has cut off the supply of canary birds. The birds come from the Hartz and the Harz mountains in the heart of the war country. The birds are extremely scarce in Philadelphia.

The regular importation of the "golden-throated songsters," as they are termed in the catalogue, ceased with the start of the war. It is reported that a large shipment of birds finally started to this city from Holland, whence it had been sent overland from Germany, but there is no hope of being able, the dealers say, to satisfy the demand which is always greatest at this time of year and during the holiday season.

One fancier said today that in other years he has had from 100 to 500 birds in stock, but that now he has less than 50. "I can't get any more anywhere at any price," he said. "Of the one shipment that has gotten through I was able to procure four dozen. What will happen to the Christmas trade when ordinarily I sell 200 birds I do not know. In consequence, instead of being able to offer the cheapest birds as low as \$1.75, the minimum price is now \$2.25."

Bird seed, cuttlefish and other bird foods, all of which are imported, have jumped greatly in price. A few months ago a pound of bird seed sold wholesale for 25 cents. The quotation today is 35 cents.

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WOMAN DECLARES MAN HYPNOTIZED HER INTO MARRIAGE

Now She Asks Court to Compel Him to Support Her—Defendant Calls Woman Total Stranger.

A wife who declared she had been hypnotized petitioned Judge Brown in the Municipal Court today to compel a man who stated he was not her husband to support her. After hearing all sorts of testimony from physicians, handwriting experts, a number of downtown politicians and the principals themselves, Judge Brown continued the case until he could gain time to unravel the matrimonial mix-up.

The woman was Mrs. Mary Le Roy, 2165 Kinney street, Frankford. The man she claimed as her husband is Leon Le Roy, 1305 Jackson street. He stated his name was not Le Roy, but George McCullen and that he never before saw the woman or knew anything about her. He admitted living at the Jackson street address.

CONVICTS OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR WITH SOLEMN SERVICES

Thirty-eight Men, Guarded by Prisoner-comrades, March to Synagogue at Eastern Penitentiary.

Thirty-eight Jewish prisoners walked from a row of cells on the third tier of the Eastern State Penitentiary shortly after dawn this morning. Many of them stayed awake in their bunks for hours, waiting to be released for the day, so that they could observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Attired in their regular army prison uniform and carrying their prayer shawls under their arms, the prisoners lined up against the wall on the third tier. They were waiting for the arrival of five other prisoners, all of whom are serving 20 years, and who yearly assist Warden Robert McKenty in arranging the religious services.

Upon the arrival of the long-term men, the prisoners marched four abreast out of the building into the yard. Followed by Warden McKenty, they marched through the yard until they reached the well.

Two keepers opened a large iron gate, and the prisoners entered a gray granite stone building which is used as a synagogue. They sat down on chairs and each held a Bible printed in Hebrew. Other persons held Bibles containing a translation of the Jewish prayers in English.

When all was ready to begin the services, it was discovered that no rabbi or cantor was present. The prisoners began to make inquiries among themselves. A man 27 years old, whose home is up the State and who before being sent to prison as a forger was a student at a Jewish seminary, volunteered his services.

Standing at the head of the group of prisoners, the student began the services. After these had been partly finished, prayers were chanted for Warden McKenty.

Every one of the 38 prisoners who observed the Day of Atonement at the Eastern State Penitentiary today is fasting. As a matter of fact they started to fast at sundown on Tuesday.

Warden McKenty has promised the prisoners a special dinner tonight after sunset. Then the fast will be broken. The supper will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes, plenty of bread and possibly some cakes.

In the afternoon the prisoners chanted a psalm in behalf of all the Jewish soldiers now on the battlefield in Europe. Prayers were also said for deceased relatives.

In the morning mail which reached the prison there were many packages containing prayer shawls for the prisoners. These were sent by mothers, brothers and sisters of the prisoners. The prisoners will not return to their cells until tonight. They are guarded by five of their fellow convict-comrades.

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